Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, John Johnson has devoted his life to the betterment of his community, the caring and sharing with family and friends, and the day-to-day giving which makes South Dakota a great state in which to live and work; and,

Whereas, John has been a devoted servant to the people of South Dakota since joining the South Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT) in 1976; and,

Whereas, John devoted his career to the DOT advancing in the ranks of Equipment Repair and Management Operations, holding the positions of Maintenance Mechanic I, Maintenance Mechanic II, Equipment Shop Foreman, and Region Maintenance Coordinator; and,

Whereas, Throughout John's career, almost everyone has heard him say, "Trust me" or "Have I got a deal for you" followed by a hearty chuckle; and,

Whereas, On April 8, 2009, after 33 years of service to the South Dakota Department of Transportation, John is retiring; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 8, 2009, as

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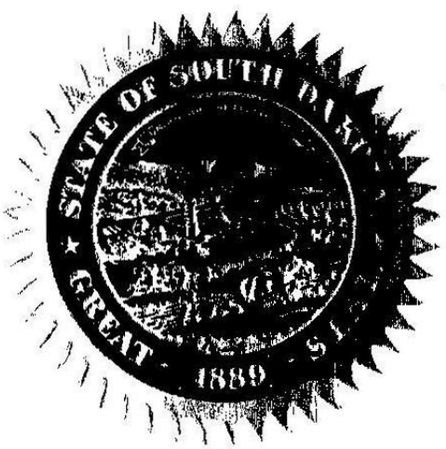
in South Dakota, and I join his colleagues, family, and friends in the Department of Transportation in wishing him a fulfilling, healthy, and happy retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State